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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Toru WAGATSUMA and Yoshimasa KURODA**

**For: CARD CONNECTOR UNIT PROVIDED WITH FIRST ACCOMMODATING POSITION  
AND SECOND ACCOMMODATING POSITION**

Assigned to: ALPS ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **30** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **23** Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ **03** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☒ Priority of Japanese Application No. 2001-088265 filed on March 26, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.
- ☒ The certified copy is enclosed.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	05	MINUS	20	= 00	x 18 =	
INDEP.	01	MINUS	3	= 00	x 84 =	
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$280 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$740 =	740.00
TOTAL						740.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

- ☒ Check No. 14131 in the amount of \$780.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALPSP068).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALPSP068).

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